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1. WHILE ITTEFAQ PEPPERED INDIA WITH CRITICISM,  
LARGELY INDIRECT, REST OF PRESS WAS EDITORIALLY SI-  
LENT. WEEKLY HOLIDAY'S SILENCE PROBABLY DUE ONLY  
TO FACT THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR DEC. 14 (FOR BUSINESS  
REASONS, WE UNDERSTAND; IT'S TO REAPPEAR DEC. 21).

2. MEDIA PLAYED UP PRESIDENT SAYEM'S PLEDGE IN  
NATIONAL DAY EVEN ADDRESS DEC. 15 TO STRENGTHEN RELA-  
TIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF SUBCONTINENT (REFTEL B).  
ALSO EMPHASIZED REFERENCE TO SUBCONTINENTAL NORMALIZATION  
IN SOVIET-BD STATMENT ISSUED DEC. 18 (REFTEL).

3. ITTEFAQ COLUMNIST KHANDAKER ABDUR HAMID ("THE  
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OUSPOKEN") IN DEC. 13 COMMENTARY ON BD NAVY DAY WROTE

THAT BD "HAS ALWAYS IMPLEMENTED ALL BORDER AGREEMENTS...  
AND NEVER PROVIDED HAVEN TO INSURGENTS" AND URGED BD  
AND INDIA "TO JOINTLY CURB THE MISDEEDS" OF SUCH PEOPLE.

4. ITTEFAQ EDITORIAL DEC. 16 ON NATIONAL DAY SAID:  
"THE FACT THAT AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN BENGALI NATION  
EXISTS IS A CAUSE OF METAL ANGUISH AND HEART PAIN FOR  
MANY...FOR THIS REASON NATION REMAINS EVER VIGILANT  
AGAINST ALL CONSPIRATORS, WITHIN AND WITHOUT." ALSO  
SAID BD "WILL NOT HESITATE TO ACCEPT AS FRIENDS THOSE  
WHO ARE PRESENTLY EXTENDING THEIR HANDS OF COOPERATION  
AND ASSISTANCE TO MAKE BD'S INDEPENDENCE MEANINGFUL"  
(APPARENT REFERENCE TO PAKISTAN AND CHINA, AMONG OTHERS).

5. ITTEFAQ EDITORIAL DEC. 18 ON SAYEM'S ADDRESS SUG-  
GESTED THAT "WHAT IS NEEDED AT THIS CRITICAL HOUR IS  
POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THWART ANY THREAT, INTERNAL OR  
EXTERNAL, TO OUR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY."

6. ITTEFAQ EDITORIAL DEC. 19 SIAD NEPAL'S EFFORTS  
TO BECOME SELF-RELIANT IN ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE MATTERS  
"REFLECT SIMILAR DESIRE OF ALL SMALL NATIONS OF SOUTH  
ASIA." THIS NEPALESE POLICY, IT JUDGED, "IS DEFINITELY  
NOT PROMPTED BY ANY AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TOWARD  
NEPAL'S BIG NEIGHBOR. THE BIG NEIGHBOR KNOWS THIS TOO.  
DESPITE THAT, SOME NEIGHBORS ARE OPPOSED TO SMALLER  
NATIONS' EFFORTS TO PROSPER AND BECOME SELF-RELIANT."

7. THERE WERE SOME OTHER SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN PRESS  
FOR THOSE WHO PAID CLOSE ATTENTION. NATIONAL DAY  
SUPPLEMTNS CARRIED BY ALL DAILIES DEC. 16 CONTAINED  
LONG ARTICLE HEADED "THE LIBERATION WAR AND THE ARMED  
FORCES" BY "A WARTIME CORRESPONDENT" WHICH WE ARE TOLD  
WAS WRITTEN THE MILITARY AND APPROVED BY GEN. ZIAUR  
RAHMAN. IT REFERRED UNEMOTIONALLY TO 1971 ENEMY AS  
"PAISTAN ARMY" OR PAKISTANI FORCES" RATHER THAN AS  
"BUTCHERS", "MURDERERS," "BARBARIANS" OR "PERPETRATORS  
OF GENOCIDE" AS IN PAST. ONLY ALLUSIONS TO INDIAN  
ROLE WERE TWO BRIEF REFERENCES TO "ALLIED FORCES." WE  
UNDERSTAND A SECOND ARTICLE ON LIBERATION WAR WRITTEN  
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FOR SUPPLEMENTS AND SIGNED BY GEN. ZIAUR RAHMAN WAS  
KILLED AFTER HE WAS PERSUADED IT WAS TOO HARSH ON  
PAKISTANIS.

8. SUPPLEMENTS LEFT OUT RITUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GRATI-  
TUDE FOR INDIAN AND SOVIET HELP THAT HAD BEEN CARRIED  
IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THEY ALSO OMITTED FOR FIRST TIME  
HISTORIC PHOTO OF PAKISTANI GEN. A.A.K. NIAZI

SURRENDERING TO INDIAN GEN. J.S. AURORA.  
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